

FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

June 1, 2010

This is a preliminary draft of the June 1, 2010 minutes as interpreted by the Clerk of the Board for use in preparing the official minutes. It is expected that there will be corrections, additions, and/or omissions before the final minutes are reviewed and officially approved by the County Board.

The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in special session this 1st day of June, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Chuck Amunrud, Randy Dahl, and Thomas Kaase. Also present were: Karen Brown, Coordinator/Clerk; Shirl Boelter, Auditor/Treasurer; Daryl Jensen, Sheriff; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; and Lisa Brainerd, Republican-Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Prestby, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the following amended Consent Agenda:

1. May 25, 2010 County Board minutes, as presented.
2. May 4, 2010 Community Services minutes, as presented.
3. Step increase for Louise Kleiboer, Social Worker, to Merit Grade 7/ Step M, effective June 1, 2010 as recommended by the Community Services Administrator.
4. Step increase for Barbara Zoelle-Johnson, Social Worker, to Merit Grade 7/ Step N, effective June 15, 2010 as recommended by the Community Services Administrator.
5. Application for display of fireworks for Eagle Cliff Campground for Sunday, July 4, 2010 as approved by Sheriff Jensen.

Thomas Boyd, Community Services Administrator, and Gail Bunge, Financial Assistance Supervisor, were present.

Boyd and Bunge discussed General Assistance Medical Care and Income Maintenance changes due to law changes effective June 1st. They discussed the limited options for the 110 people in Fillmore County that were formerly covered by General Assistance Medical Care. Concerns were raised about escalating costs due to emergency room treatment that will be passed on through the system.

Medical Assistance transportation will also be affected in that there will be Medical Assistance reimbursement for costs only when the client is a passenger. Boyd notified the Board that Region IX is considering requesting proposals for a provider to review existing transportation options and to make recommendations for improved efficiencies.

Boyd concluded his remarks by stating that the mental health grant application for Intensive Community Rehabilitation Services will now only affect Olmsted and Fillmore Counties. The Board will be notified of the award.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the Fillmore County Board and as such constitutes the minutes thereof. Payment of assistance, relief, claims and social services as authorized by the staff in accordance with the laws of the State in this time period and indicated in these minutes is hereby authorized.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved the payment of the following Commissioners' warrants:

The Auditor warrants were reviewed.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved the payment of \$61.12 to McBee Company for Public Health supplies.

The Chair opened and closed the Citizen Input portion of the meeting at 9:30 a.m. since no one was present for input.

The following committee reports and announcements were given: Prestby and Amunrud – Solid Waste; and Bakke – Airport.

David Kiehne, Recorder, and Cris Gastner, Economic Development Coordinator, were present. Gastner stated that the County received notice from the City of Harmony that Lutes-Scrabeck, LLC entered into foreclosure proceedings. Since the County is a participant in the 2005 tax abatement agreement, Attorney Corson has drafted a thirty day notice to Lutes Scrabeck, LLC of the County's intention to exercise its options under the agreement. The City of Harmony has sent a similar letter.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously directed County Attorney Corson to send notification to Lutes-Scrabeck, LLC regarding Fillmore County's intention to exercise its legal options under the tax abatement agreement.

Gastner suggested that the Board work with the City of Harmony upon completion of the notice period to determine the next step.

Christopher Graves, Zoning Administrator, entered the meeting.

Ashley Stinson, Human Resources Officer, was present. She presented information about the job description review process for 2010. The following positions were reviewed without changes: Office Support Specialist Assistant, Office Support Specialist, Office Support Specialist Sr., Finance Officer, GIS Coordinator and County Engineer. These positions will be reviewed in four (4) years, or sooner, if any significant changes occur.

There was one request for reclassification review by the Zoning Administrator. It was noted that the Board has the final decision on the submittal of all requests and are the supervisors of the department heads. The Board asked that questions about noise levels, required memberships and the removal of the agricultural inspection duties be noted on the summary of changes. Stinson stated that the number of essential duties had also been increased on this submittal.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to submit the Zoning Administrator job description to Bjorklund Consulting for review.

Cynthia Blagsvedt, Assessor, and Phyllis Hendrickson, Workforce Center, were present to request to contract for a replacement Workforce Center participant to work on Green Acres changes since the former worker has found a job. This agreement will be for the period through June 30 at which time a new agreement will be needed for an additional 60 days due to the fiscal year change. Members were told that the participant would be working 35 hours per week and be paid \$9.25 per hour. The County will be reimbursed for 100% of the costs.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved to enter into an

agreement with Workforce Center for temporary help in the Assessor's office for 35 hours per week at \$9.25 per hour. (Agreement on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's office)

Committee reports continued with Bakke giving a brief report on the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) District meeting. Bakke also reported on correspondence from Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO) and asked for the Board's wishes on the next step. Consensus was that the Library Committee should meet with the Executive Director.

A motion was made by Prestby and seconded by Kaase to appoint Amunrud to replace Prestby on the Library Committee. The Chair called for a vote: Commissioners voting "aye": Amunrud, Bakke, Kaase and Prestby. Commissioners voting "nay": Dahl. The motion prevailed.

The calendar was reviewed: Emergency Medical Services Executive Committee will meet on June 10th at 7:00 a.m. in Rochester and the County State Group meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 11th. Amunrud reported on the Veteran Cemetery. Consensus was that a visit to Little Falls should be scheduled for either the 5th Tuesday in June or in conjunction with the Leadership Conference on August 11-13 in Walker.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Amunrud, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.